

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7, 28-33, and 37-51 are presently in the application. Claims 45 thru 48 have been allowed. Claims 3, 38 thru 40, 43, and 44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 1, 37, and 43, have been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 3, 38, and 37, respectively (the rejected base claims). Therefore, claim 1 is now claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Claim 37 is now claim 38 rewritten in independent form. Claim 43 now has been rewritten in independent form and includes all of the limitations of claim 37. All of the remaining claims are dependent upon an allowed base claim and are, therefore, allowable.

This amendment is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed 24 February 2005 and places the case in condition for allowance. It is understood that the appeal is still in force until the case is allowed. Also, this amendment, in lieu of a full response to the Examiner's Answer, is being made solely in reliance on the Examiner's Answer and in a good faith attempt to move the prosecution forward.

Therefore, if this responsive amendment is not accepted because of any change in the allowed material or the Examiner's Answer, appellant understands that any claim cancellations or amendments made in this good faith response to the Examiner's Answer can be similarly withdrawn and the appeal will proceed after mailing of appellant's full response.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 37, and 39-48 remain in the application. No additional fee is required for these claims since applicant initially paid for 36 claims and five independent claims.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Parsons', written in a cursive style.

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